GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEVELOPMENT/ CULTIVATION OF HERBAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any scheme for the development and cultivation of herbal plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which such scheme is likely to be implemented including the amount likely to be spent thereon;

(d) whether the Government has identified areas where herbal plants will be grown;

(e) if so, the names of such areas, State-wise; and

(f) the details of assistance likely to be provided by the Government for the development of such areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (f): Government has set up Medicinal Plants Board to look after policy formulation, coordination and implementation of schemes for development of medicinal plants sector. The Board is implementing Promotional and Contractual Farming Schemes for conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants. A list of 32 medicinal plants have been identified for development and cultivation on priority, keeping in view the agro-climatic conditions, in all States/UTs. An allocation of Rs. 38 crores has been made during the current financial year which includes Rs. 36.45 crores for grant-in-aid for schemes of the Board. Total funds of Rs. 20.21 crores have already been utilized on account of assistance provided under the schemes to various states.